12th May, 1997 to review the implementation of Long Term Action Plan for KBK in Orissa by the Committee of Secretaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The annual Plan for the current year envisages an outlay of Rs. 393.32 crores of which the normal flow of funds would be Rs. 249.43 crores, while the additionality envisaged is Rs. 143.95 crores. It was decided that the additionalities envisaged in the LTAP in the various sectors would be considered by the concerned Ministries/Departments based upon specific proposals for new or additional schemes/projects being submitted by the Government of Orissa with full justification. The concerned Ministries/Departments would provide the additional funds to the extent possible through their existing budgets. In case of any shortfall, Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission may be approached to augment the outlay as may be required.

Measures for Improving conditions of prisons

*14. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued notices ot the Union and all State Governments asking their responses within three months on certain legislative and administrative measures suggested by the Hon'ble Court to improve conditions of prisons and to provide better facilities to prisoners;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by the Supreme Court; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In its judgement dated 23-12-1996, the Supreme Court has highlighted the prevailing conditions in the prisons and his emphasised the need to take appropriate decision on the recommendations of the Law Commission of India made in its 78th Report on the subject of 'Congestion of undertrial prisoners in Jail' as contained in Chapter 9, to consider the suggestions of the Mulla Committee relating to streamlining the remission system and parole, to deliberate about enacting of a new Prison Act to replace the Indian Prison Act, 1894, to examine the question of framing of a model new All India Jail Manual, to improve medical facilities and hygenic conditions, to think about liberalisation of communication facilities, to take needful steps for streamlining of jail visits and to ruminate on the question of introduction of open air prisons at least in the district headquarters of the country.

(c) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per List II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. A meeting of Home/Prison Secretaries of State Governments/UT Administrations was convened in February 1997 to discuss various aspects of the judgement. The Central Government has stressed upon the State Governments/UT Administrations the need to implement the suggestions of the Supreme Court. The Central Government has also initiated action on the points concerning it.

Investment from Private and Foreign Investors to Strengthen the Infrastructure

*15. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken series of Policy decisions to facilitate